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A.—(*a*), (*b*), (*c*), (*e*) & (*f*) The hon. Member is referred to the answers to clauses (*a*), (*b*), (*d*) and (*c*) of question No. 385.

12-15 p.m. (*d*) Eleven years and one month.

(*g*) The Government are not in possession of full information.

(*h*) The Syndicate of the Madras University.

(*i*) The work of the Lexicon staff is supervised by a committee appointed by the Syndicate.

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" May I ask for the qualifications of the members of the Committee supervising the Lexicon staff referred to in my question sub-clause (1) ? "

The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO :—" The Committee is appointed by the Syndicate and the Government are not in possession of information."

Agriculture.

Principal, Agricultural College, Coimbatore.

387 *Q.*—Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state whether the appointment of the Principal of the Agricultural College, Coimbatore, is made according to strict seniority among officers of the Imperial Agricultural Service, and, if so, whether that principle was observed in the past in appointments of Principal of the College ?

A.—No. Seniority is merely one of the qualifications which are taken into consideration in making the appointment.

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—" May I know if the claims of a senior was not superseded by the appointment of Mr. Morris some time ago ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur T. N. SIVAGNANAM PILLAI :—" I want notice."

Dr. Parnell's work in the Agricultural College, Coimbatore.

388 *Q.*—Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state whether Dr. Parnell does any teaching work in the Agricultural College, Coimbatore, and, if so, the classes he takes and the number of hours in a week he devotes to teaching them ?

A.—Mr. Parnell is a Research Officer and does no teaching work except for occasional lectures on plant breeding which do not however form part of any regular course.

Co-operative Societies.

Appointment of Assistant Registrars of Co-operative Societies.

389 *Q.*—Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(1) the names of Assistant Registrars of Co-operative Societies appointed during the last two years of the last Legislative Council, their last appointments with their pay, their qualifications, caste and their permanent lien, if any, in Government service ;

(2) the number of Chief Inspectors qualified for such posts under examination rules who have experience as Chief Inspectors for at least five years ;